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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**Reference AO (10-89455) on Form PTO-1449:**

A rotational speed change rate during acceleration is obtained. Based on the rotational speed change rate, inertia time after command is output until an inertia phase is started is changed such that an engine speed does not exceed an upper limit rotational speed when the inertia phase is started. The invalid time is decided by correcting the inertia time which is required for the previous acceleration. However, the acceleration change rate during acceleration and the inertia time fluctuate according to changes in running resistance such as a change in the torque input in an automatic transmission and a change in a road inclination. Therefore, there is a problem that shift control is not stable.

Reference AP (3-260455) on Form PTO-1449:

When an engine speed exceeds a predetermined rotational speed, upshifting is performed. Then, a set rotational speed is learned and corrected such that the engine speed after an upshift command is output until shifting is completed based on the engine speed does not exceed a limit rotational speed.

Reference AQ (2-97763) on Form PTO-1449:

A maximum engine speed detected during an upshift to a predetermined shift speed is compared with a target maximum engine speed based on an throttle opening. When the difference is large, a shift pattern (a shift start vehicle speed) during the upshift to the predetermined shift speed is changed such that the maximum engine speed comes close to the target maximum engine speed.

Reference AR (5-14039) on Form PTO-1449:

In the case in which a map for automatic shifting is rewritten to a content of shifting performed manually, when an engine speed during rewrite exceeds a predetermined upper limit, the map is rewritten using the upper limit.

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	AO	10-89455	4/7/98	Japan (with English Abstract)		X	
	AP	3-260455	11/20/91	Japan (with English Abstract)		X	
	AQ	2-97763	4/10/90	Japan (with English Abstract)		X	
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